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Asia Pacific In-house Counsel Summit

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Senior members of in-house legal teams from companies investing or doing business in Asia

CEOs, CFOs and Senior Directors from companies active in Asia

International lawyers with an interest in business law in Asia

Senior Executives responsible for evaluating and coordinating their firms legal strategies in Asia

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Planned topics include (subject to changes)

Day 1:

Labour and Employment Law

How have regional labour laws affected the development of Asian markets? Do they act as a barrier to investment, and how do you strike a balance between employee protection and protectionism?

Foreign Direct Investments

Asian companies are increasingly playing a role on global markets and are no longer simply the recipients of foreign investment. Where is the money going, and what lures Asian investors?

Private Equity Investment: China or India?

The volume of private equity activity in 2006 tripled in India and looks likely to top US\$10 billion this year. But India still trails China when it comes to FDI, with a mere \$5.3 billion in 2004 to rival China's \$55 billion.

Dispute Resolution

Arbitration vs. litigation, and the best ways of resolving disputes throughout the region when they arise. A look at the enforcement of foreign awards in Asia, and the chances for a favourable outcome.

Intellectual Property

Companies are often faced with the challenge of managing costs, maintaining control over IP assets and maximizing the benefits from IP rights. However, with IP pirates getting increasingly organized and creative in bypassing IP safeguards, what can IP asset owners do to keep up and ensure their rights are protected?

Day 2:

Corporate Governance

The prevalence of corruption, director liability and how to manage the attendant risks, and how to quantify corporate governance: How does one measure success?

Islamic Financing

As Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore race to become the Asian hub for Islamic finance, law firms and in-house counsel have had to struggle to keep up with this burgeoning area of practice.

Accessing Capital Markets

What are the benefits of raising funds outside of the home jurisdiction? Which countries offer strong benefits for overseas fundraising? What are the comparative benefits of each of the regional capital markets? And how has recent instability in the US effected a firms ability to raise funds in Asia?

And specialist Country workshops on:

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